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Senate

The Senate met at 12:30 p.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Our prayer today will be led by Father Paul Lavin, pastor of St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Father Paul Lavin, pastor of St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill, offered the following prayer:

Let us listen to the word of the Lord in Psalm 18:

*I would love thee, O Lord, my strength.
The Lord is my rock, and my fortress,
and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in
whom I trust; my buckler, and the horn of
my salvation.*

*I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy
to be praised.*

Let us pray:

We stand before You, O Lord conscious of our sinfulness but aware of Your love for us.

Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength to know Your will to make it our own and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by Your wisdom, support us by Your power, keep us faithful to all that is true.

You desire justice for all: Enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favor.

Glory and praise to You for ever and ever. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT, is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today there will be a period for morning busi-

ness until the hour of 3:30 p.m., with Senator KENNEDY or his designee in control of the time from 12:30 to 2 p.m., and Senator COVERDELL or his designee in control of the time from 2 until 3:30 p.m.

Following morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 3448, the small business tax package legislation. Under the consent agreement reached, there are a limited number of amendments in order to that bill and all debate time will be used today. No rollcall votes will occur during today's session. Therefore, any votes ordered on the amendments will occur at 2:15 on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, following the completion of H.R. 3448, the Senate will begin consideration of S. 295, the TEAM Act. As a reminder to all Senators, any votes ordered on amendments to the TEAM Act will occur during Wednesday's session of the Senate. Senators should also be reminded that, under a previous order, the Senate will vote on passage of the Department of Defense authorization bill at 9:30 on Wednesday, although I should note that because of the likelihood of a signing at the White House of the church burning legislation, we are working to see if we might defer that vote until, I believe, 12 o'clock on Wednesday. But we will make that official later on during the day, if we get it all worked out.

Immediately following that vote, the Senate will proceed to the House of Representatives for a joint meeting of Congress to hear an address by the Prime Minister of Israel. Of course, if we do not have that vote at 9:30, we will assemble here and we will go right to the House for that joint meeting.

Due to the joint meeting, it may be necessary to postpone the vote on the passage of DOD until later in the afternoon on Tuesday, as I have already announced. We will make that announcement as soon as possible today.

At noon on Wednesday, there will be a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 1788, the National Right To Work Act.

Finally, I should say the appropriations process has to move forward. I anticipate we will take actions this week on appropriations measures. The first will be the Department of Defense appropriations bill, to be followed by the foreign operations appropriations bill.

All Members should plan their schedules to anticipate votes, probably into the early evening on Tuesday and on Wednesday, although we hope not to go late. Then, on Thursday, depending on what progress we have made on the DOD appropriations bill and the foreign ops appropriations bill, we could go late into the evening on Thursday.

I yield the floor.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRAIG). Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 3:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for not to exceed 5 minutes. The time between 12:30 and 2 p.m. shall be under the control of the Senator from Massachusetts, Senator KENNEDY, or his designee.

The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I yield myself such time as I might use.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE MINIMUM WAGE

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, tomorrow, July 9, is minimum wage day in the U.S. Senate. The Senate will finally have an up-or-down vote on a fair increase in the minimum wage. The minimum wage has been stuck at its

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